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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is in response to an official action dated October 2, 2003, wherein the pending claims were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a). The applicants respectfully traverse in view of the following amendments and remarks.